GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGE
RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent reports regarding sexual abuse of children in an orphanage in village Poonjeri near Mahabalipuram, Chennai;

(b) if so, whether such reports have also been received about orphanages of other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir. A case of alleged sexual abuse of inmates Little Home, an Orphanage in Mahabalipuram, Chennai, was reported to the Government of Tamil Nadu. Action has been taken to restore the children to their parents and where such is not possible, to transfer them to the Juvenile Homes. The orphanage is not functioning now.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government of Tamil Nadu have instructed the concerned State Government Department and Police to be vigilant against recurrence of such incidents in other orphanages.